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An interesting detour set for New Jersey's Bayshore Byway



NEW CASTLE—New Jersey's Bayshore Heritage Byway Route is taking a detour to include the Ferry Spur near the Cape May Ferry Terminal thanks to action taken by the DRBA Board. The amendment to the previous route—suggested by Lower Township officials—includes the Townbank/Ferry Spur between Seashore Road and to Beach Drive near the Cape May Ferry Terminal.

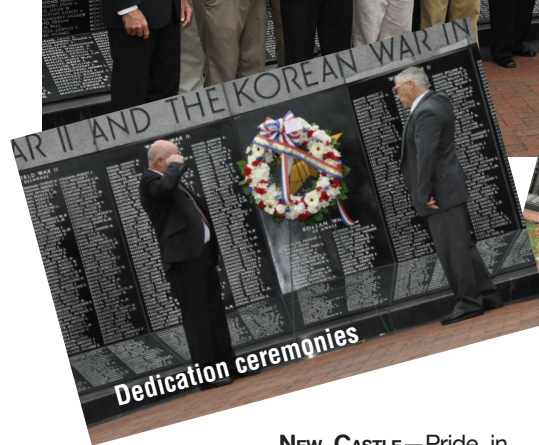
According to Scott A. Green, Executive Director of the Delaware River and Bay Authority, by getting off the beaten path, visitors can gain a greater appreciation for the history and culture of the Twin Capes region.

The State of Delaware has a similar scenic byway program. "It makes a lot of sense to create this seamless route that expands tourism opportunities in both Delaware and New Jersey," Green noted. The Bayshore Heritage Byway and the Lewes Byway in Delaware welcome visitors who explore and share in the local natural and historic offerings.

The revision, when approved, would replace the section of the Byway from Bayshore Road (County Road 603) and Route 47 to Seashore Road and Breakwater Road with the following:

At Route 47 and Bayshore Road, the route will turn west on Bayshore Road, remaining on this road as it turns south and leaves Middle Township and enters Lower Township. The route will continue south and bear to the left on Fishing Creek Road, turning east onto Breakwater Road at Fishing Creek Road. The route will follow Breakwater Road to Seashore Road where it will turn south and resume the original plan. A Byway spur was created on Sandman Blvd. between Seashore Road and Beach Drive.

Memorial at DMB Veterans Park restored, rededicated to U. S. veterans



NEW CASTLE—Pride in our work; pride in what we stand for; pride in honoring those who served us all; and finally, pride in rededicating a completely restored monument to the memory of service men and women from Delaware and New Jersey who sacrificed their lives in service to our country.

Those were the themes, spoken and unspoken, at this year's Memorial Day ceremony at the DMB War Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park. For the past year, 16 Authority maintenance employees worked on the "Memorial Restoration Project," rebuilding and refurbishing the wall that was first dedicated 56 years ago. Since then, time and weather had taken their toll, resulting in the need for extensive work to return the memorial to its original luster.

Following months of research, Authority employees initiated a complex restoration, which included pulling all the plaques, repairing the concrete foundation, sandblasting all the

panels, applying epoxy primer and urethane to the panels, hand-sanding and painting the names, and affixing and caulking the panels to the restored wall. Their work was all undertaken after regular assignments had been completed. The 16 workers finished the project just in time for the 2011 Veterans Day services.

Since its dedication in 1956, the War Memorial has been the site of ceremonies on Memorial and Veterans Days. The park features a reflecting pool, a statue of a soldier, and the wall containing the names of the nearly 15,000 men and women from Delaware and New Jersey killed in World War II and the Korean War.

Authority employees—Mike Shaw and Bob Arnold—placed the wreath at the memorial. In the top photo, Delaware Gov. Jack Markell, Congressman John Carney, Authority Chairman William Lowe, Commissioners Samuel Lathem and the Rev. Edward Dorn joined the 16 maintenance workers who restored the memorial.

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Scott A. Green, Esq. named to lead Authority



Scott A. Green, an experienced businessman, attorney and government relations expert, has been named Executive Director of the Delaware River and Bay Authority, replacing James T. Johnson Jr., who retired in February after 10 years of service. Mr. Green, who had been serving as a DRBA Commissioner, left that position in order to accept the administrative leadership role.

Governor Markell noted that “Scott Green is an accomplished and dedicated public servant, and I have every confidence that he will serve the DRBA well in his new role.”

The new leader, who lives in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, is a former senior executive with MBNA America, where his responsibilities included real estate and legal matters, local government relations, and sales. A former

partner in several law firms, including Saul, Ewing, Mr. Green also served in the following capacities: Counsel to the Delaware House of Representatives from 1989-91; County Attorney for New Castle County, Delaware from 1985-87; and Law Clerk for the Superior Court of Delaware in 1980.

A 1977 graduate of the University of Delaware with a degree in international relations, Mr. Green also earned a juris doctor from the Washington College of Law of American University in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware and the Delaware Judicial Nominating Committee.

Mr. Green is only the fourth Executive Director in the nearly 50 years the Authority has been in existence. He was preceded by Mr. Johnson, Michael Harkins, and William Miller.



CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP—Scott A. Green, right, has been named Executive Director of the Delaware River & Bay Authority, replacing James T. Johnson, left.

Volunteers help get Ferry ready for summer



On Friday, May 18, approximately 50 Delaware River and Bay Authority employees from across all departments and divisions banded together to help get the MV New Jersey shipshape for the summer season and to beautify the grounds of the Cape May terminal.

Joined by Chairman Bill Lowe and Commissioner Rick Downes, who took time out of their busy schedules to lend helping hands, employees worked to sand, paint, vacuum, and clean the New Jersey.

In addition, a second group of employees volunteered for landscaping duty, weeding, mulching and planting flowers around the toll booths and near the Ferry loading ramps.

Not only was it a great way to kick off the upcoming busy summer season, the volunteer effort strengthened the camaraderie and sense of common purpose within the Authority’s workforce.



Millville Airport building renamed by Authority in honor of Lewis B. Finch



MILLVILLE—To many he was known as the father of Millville Airport. And now, the airport administration building is officially named in his honor and in recognition of his efforts over the years. It's now the Lewis B. Finch, Jr. Administration Building.

In a ceremony on May 11 that included officials from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the DRBA, the municipal airport and the city, the new sign honoring the facility's late champion was unveiled.

Lewis Finch served as manager of Millville Municipal Airport from 1974 until his death in 2002 at the age of 75. Because of his work, the airport was able to secure millions of dollars in federal funding to upgrade the runway, taxiway and lighting infrastructure at the aviation facility.

Finch was the recipient of the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame award for his work at the Millville airport, and had also been honored for outstanding service to the aviation community by the FAA.

In addition to his work at the airport, Finch was one of the proud founders of the Millville Army Airfield Museum, working hard to get it established.

Delaware River and Bay Authority Vice Chair James N. Hogan of Franklinville, NJ, was among the many dignitaries who attended the ceremony. Others included

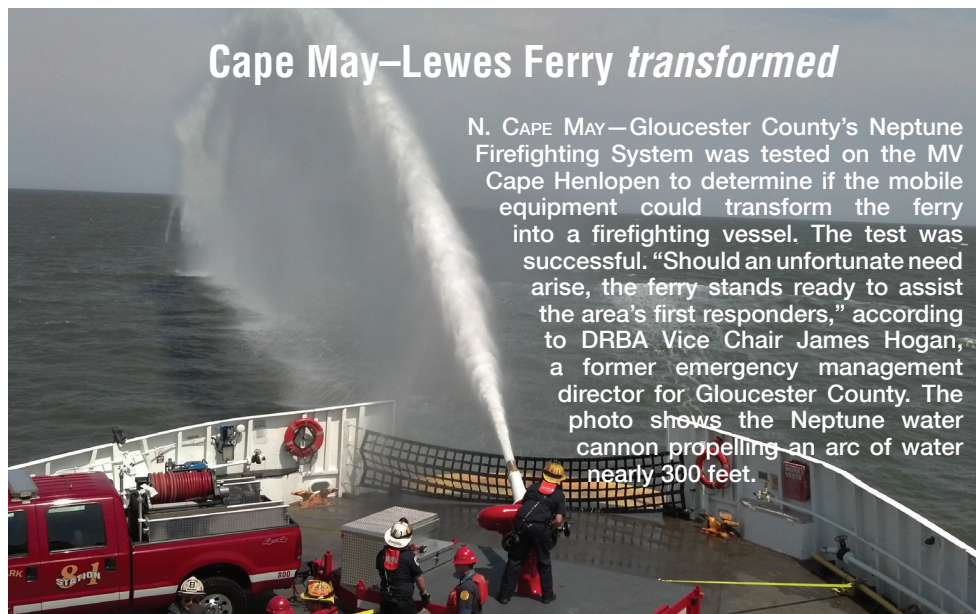


RENAMED—Officials unveil the new sign outside the Lewis B. Finch, Jr. Administration Building at Millville Municipal Airport on May 10. The inset photo shows the plaque, dedicating the building

U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo and Millville Mayor Tim Shannon who recalled memories of Finch from his childhood.

"He loved the City of Millville, but the airport was his baby," Shannon said.

"When it came to federal funding for the airport, Lew was tenacious, getting as much as he could, and no one did more to further its development than Lew Finch. I am pleased that the Authority recognized his legacy," Shannon concluded.



Cape May—Lewes Ferry transformed

N. CAPE MAY—Gloucester County's Neptune Firefighting System was tested on the MV Cape Henlopen to determine if the mobile equipment could transform the ferry into a firefighting vessel. The test was successful. "Should an unfortunate need arise, the ferry stands ready to assist the area's first responders," according to DRBA Vice Chair James Hogan, a former emergency management director for Gloucester County. The photo shows the Neptune water cannon propelling an arc of water nearly 300 feet.

New webcams at Bridge and Ferry



NEW CASTLE—Traffic cameras at DMB and CMLF locations have been activated, giving customers new tools for planning commutes and vacation travel. The new webcams provide realtime traffic and weather conditions. Executive Director Green notes that the DRBA's priority is to exceed customers' expectations and the introduction of the traffic cams is part of this initiative. The bridgecams can be accessed at www.drba.net/DelawareMemorialBridge.aspx. The ferrycam links can be found on the CMLF homepage.

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Tweet along with us!



You can now follow the Delaware Memorial Bridge on Twitter at @demembridge. Followers will receive traffic advisories, construction updates and additional information regarding the twin-span bridges between Delaware and New Jersey.

“Our Twitter feed enables us to communicate vital information to customers within moments,” said Executive Director Green of the DRBA. “With so many people using Twitter, we are really looking forward to the effectiveness of our latest means of keeping drivers informed and making their commutes as hassle-free as possible.”

Staff members monitoring traffic cameras and coordinating with Authority police and toll personnel will maintain the feed, which will include traffic alerts, accident news, weather-related road conditions, and planned lane closures for construction and maintenance. Green stressed, however, that @demembridge will not be monitored 24/7. In cases of emergencies, he noted, drivers should call 911.

Honoring fallen police officers



NEW CASTLE—On May 9, 70 bicyclists of the Police Unity Tour visited the DRBA Police Department to present a wreath in honor of the agency’s two fallen officers, Patrolman Harry P. Cloud (1955) and Patrol Officer Vincent A. Julia (1996). The bicyclists who participated in this leg of the “Chapter IX Ride,” included the founding members, officers and civilians, of the chapter from Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. “Our police department is honored,” said DRBA Police Administrator Col. Joseph Bryant Jr.